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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 2127

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PINR, AS, UR, US

SUBJ: SOVIET PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH JOINT SOVIET-AUSTRALIAN  
OPTICAL TRACKING STATION

REF: CANBERRA 1966

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY ALAN RENOUF HAS JUST  
CALLED TO SAY PRIME MINISTER WILL ANNOUNCE IN PARLIAMENT  
TOMORROW THAT GOA HAS REJECTED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR JOINT SPACE  
RESEARCH FACILITY.

2. COMMENT: A CYNIC MIGHT SAY THAT PROSPECT OF NATIONAL  
ELECTIONS MAY 18 HAS STIMULATED THIS QUICK ANNOUNCEMENT AS WELL  
AS DEFMIN BARNARD'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF MILITARY HARDWARE PROCURE-  
MENT AND PM'S EXTREMELY WARM REMARKS (REPORTED SEPARATELY)  
ABOUT US ALLIANCE DURING A SPEECH EARLIER TODAY. IN ANY CASE  
THIS IS A MOST WELCOME OUTCOME. WE SHOULD BE GRATIFIED IF THE  
LABOR PARTY'S ASSESSMENT OF AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC ATTITUDES LEADS  
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BEFORE AN ELECTION.  
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